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10	STAGS CON *St. Golias***
15-18	LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER *Drygestan***
23-25	CLANN WARS *Nahrun Kabirun* **
AUGUST	
6-8	BARONS WAR *Dragonsspine* **
6-22	PENSIC WAR XXXIII *Kingdom of AEthelmearc*
SEPTEMBER	
3-6	SILVER PASS IX *Rio de las Animas***
11-12	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT** *Windkeep***
14-16	AL-BARRAN CHAMPIONS**
24-26	CHALLENGE OF THE SANDS *Kahlland*

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the populace,

Thank you to everyone that made the trip down to Scorpion's Hollow for a fun Defender Tournament. Also, congratulations to Elisabeau on winning the cookie, many of the populace were able to enjoy it at practice. Hopefully, everyone is back from Lilies War, and at least mostly dried out. We are looking forward to a full schedule for July after the post-Outlandish break so please see Our progress and let us know if you will be able to join us at any of the fine events coming up.

Stags Con promises to be an enlightening event as always. If you have ever wanted to know how things get done, join Us in St. Golias to find out. Also, the new Minister of Children guidelines from Kingdom will be discussed; so come let yourself be heard. We had a very lively discussion about Youth issues at fighter practice, a summary of which is available on the new discussion list for al-Barran parents and youth (al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents @yahoogroups.com). Let Us know what you think.

Lonely Mountain Defender, ah the high pines, green grass, and cool breezes. And if that isn't enough for you, there will be fighting and activities galore in addition to three peers being made: Duke Kynan, Her Excellency Helga, and The Honorable Lord Qara-Gan. Bring your chair for court ☺

It will be Our first visit to Clann Wars so head on down and show Us the sights. We have heard that extra pots and pans for the bear patrol are a good idea, any truth to the rumor?

Warriors of al-Barran, prepare yourselves to fight for Us at Barons War in Dragonspine August 3-5. Hone your skills in war, art, and revelry with all your Outlands kin.

Congratulations to the autocrats for Champions and Midwinter (to be decided after publication) please help them make these events a success. Duchess Elisheva will be rolling out plans for the Baronial Newcomers House this month, please see her article elsewhere in the Shaft for more information. We are still seeking populace to serve on the Regalia and Site Search committees, in addition to the al-Barran Estrella coordinator. Please contact Us if you are interested in serving on, or have recommendations for, these or other positions.

Have you visited the Baronial website (www.al-Barran.org) recently? No? Then you should, and while your there submit an Award Recommendation for someone that helps keep your Dream alive. The online form can be found from the Baron and Baroness page. Recommendations in writing or email are also welcome.

Long live al-Barran!

Ryan *Tana*

From the Seneschal

Greetings,

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals that volunteered of their time at Grand Outlandish. All of your hard work and effort is greatly appreciated. Without all the fine members of our populace events such as this would be impossible. Thank you for all your efforts.

Congratulations to Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana. Long Live the Baroness. Long Live the Baron. Their Excellencies have great plans for al-Barran, and these promise to be exciting times. I look forward to working with Their Excellencies as we all move forward into the past.

The summer camping season is upon us, and there will be many wonderful events to choose from within the Outlands. I would like to encourage you to go forth this season, and carry the might of al-Barran to all our neighboring groups. We truly are the greatest Barony within the mightiest Kingdom of the Known World. Let everyone feel both the sting and graciousness of the Scorpion wherever you travel.

Yours in Service,

Master James David de Argentias

From the Baronial Mistress of the Lists

Greetings to the fine Barony of al-Barran,

At Grand Outlandish this year we had numerous tourneys in both heavy weapons and fencing. Just to name a few of the tourneys this year, we had classic tourneys such as the Lord of Outlandish, the Outlandish Blade and the Tourchlit Laundry List. The Barony of Citadel again hosted their wonderfully entertaining Speed Tourneys and Baron Arland the Bastard hosted a German Dagger tourney that was very interesting to watch. In particular I wanted to take a few lines to thank all those good gentles that came forward and volunteered. Thanks to Lady Danica Nemanjaviaea, Tyron Greystar, Andre, Adin and Nakajima for helping run the lists for all the various tourneys. Thanks again to Andre and to Lord Vouk Neumanja who kindly stepped forward and acted as runners for myself and the other list mistresses. Also thank you to Don Rudger Emrys, Lord Badai Altai and all those other members who organized the tourneys. Finally thank you to all the fighters for making my job so easy this year by having their cards ready. I apologize to anyone I forgot, there were so many wonderful volunteers this year, and for any name misspellings or incorrect titles.

In service,
Lady Emery de Fittun

From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Hello everyone,

The warm weather is bringing out artisans by the score. Because July is full of wonderful events I have a schedule of classes starting in August. Classes at the park will begin around 1:00 pm.

August 8th	Celtic Knotwork	Mistress Monika von Zell
	Felting class	THL Skameika
August 15th	Cloth Circlets	Baroness Tana
	Banner making	Lady Alethea Sage
August 29th	Lampwork beads	THL Skameika

September still has a lot of room in it if you want to teach a class email me be sure to put A&S in the subject line so I can find you if my filters catch you or contact me at the park. So far this is the tentative schedule:

Sept. 6th	Mah Jongg	Haniya bat Baruch
Sept. 26th	Herbalism	Lady Roma

July is a project report month; PLEASE either email me be sure to put A&S in the subject line so I can find you if my filters catch you or contact me at the park. All I need is your name and a list of things you have done since April. It's very simple and it doesn't take hardly any time at all.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

-Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
-Singing with Lord Tancred Tuesdays 6:30 268-4994
-Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694
-Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair 3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales Sundays during fighter practice

Events:

July 1-5 Glory VII (Unser Hafen) Nikolaos 970-356-0943
Lots of bardics including the Northern portion Outlands Windhover Bard competition

July 10 Stags Con (St Golias) Torcail 505-835-1632
Mostly administrative classes but there will be web design and scribal arts

July 15-18 Lonely Mountain (Drygestan) Colin 505-204-1780
Competitions with Dragon themes

July 23-25 Clann Wars (Nahrun Kabirun) Siobhannah 505-541-8217
Siege cooking, wacky sheep creation,

THL A'isha

From the Scorpion Pursuivant

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

On May 28, 2004, at Grand Outlandish, Sir Alexander Ericksson Trevor and THL Fermina Caballo stepped down as the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran. THL Ryan de Caergybi and THL Tana à l'Esprit Fort were named as their successors. Their first act as Baron and Baroness was to ask me to join their court as their herald. I happily accepted and have enjoyed this office ever since.

I was assisted in Their Excellencies court at Grand Outlandish by Lord Æthelwulf of Golias, who has served as both the herald for the College of Blaiddwyn and the field deputy for the Scorpion Pursuivant for quite a while. At Grand Outlandish he spent his days doing town crying and read all of the award scrolls aloud during court. Lord Æthelwulf is one of the most overworked yet enthusiastic people I have ever known. He has now chosen to take on even more responsibility by becoming the Plover Herald. Plover is a deputy to the White Stag Principal Herald and is responsible for the practice, promotion, and propagation of field heraldry in the Outlands. Since he cannot serve in his own chain of command, I am going to need a new deputy Scorpion in charge of field heraldry. Anybody interested please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Here are the awards given at Grand Outlandish during the final court of Their Excellencies Trevor and Fermina, former Baron and Baroness of al-Barran:

Russian Thistle of al-Barran:
Rudger Emrys Emma of Essex

Scorpion of al-Barran:
Tessa Elizabeth de Strathairn Dalia d'Auria
Delia Rose of Thorncastel

Hammer of al-Barran:
Pierre Gaston de Vallier Wolf Torinson
Lazarus the Hun Llywus ap Alan

Scorpion Sting:
AErikan Araxes

Espada de Oro:
Gilbert of Liege

Desert Fawn:
Rainelle

These are the awards given at Grand Outlandish by Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana, the current Baron and Baroness of al-Barran:

Russian Thistle of al-Barran:
Sarah de Montgomerie Canus Dragonsblood

Heart of the Scorpion:
Elisheva bat Simon Halevy

Scorpion:
Melody Shaw Tancred d'Avighnon

Congratulations to everybody who received an award at Grand Outlandish!

The most recent Letter of Acceptance and Return from the College of Arms received by this office was for the results of their meeting held in February 2004. The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in February 2004. Congratulations!

Adam Stedefast. Device. Per chevron azure and sable, a phoenix Or rising from flames proper issuant from the line of division and a rose argent.

Brighid Óg inghean Néill. Name

Gweneth of al-Barran. Holding name and device. Argent, three ladybugs gules marked sable within an orle of ivy vert. (Submitted under the name Gweneth Sastre.)

The following submissions from al-Barran were RETURNED by the College of Arms in February 2004. Please see me at your earliest convenience for consultation on your resubmission:

Brighid Óg inghean Néill. Device.

Darius Tigres Jaxarticus. Name change from Darius of Jaxartes and device change.

Gweneth Sastre. Name.

Kathryn of Iveragh. Device change.

Kathws Rusa. Device.

In Service,
-THL Pendar the Bard

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

There have been some changes in the Baronial Shaft, look for the Regular Activities on pages 13 and 16, the back side of the calendar pages. Now if you take out the calendar page for refrigerator posting you aren't taking out event articles. Also the Citizen's Meeting has changed locations, you will find driving directions and a map on page 27 for the new location. See you there.

Thank you, Michael for another wonderful Pony World cartoon and for our July cover art. I wonder who will it be next month? And on that evil thought...

Lady Kathws

From the Baronial Scribe

Greetings to all from the Baronial Scribe,

Recent scribal activities in the barony have included calligraphing bookmarks for the library demo and fight-a-knight scrolls for the Special Olympics demo, and an organizational meeting at Grand Outlandish. Scrolls for the 17 baronial awards given at Grand Outlandish were completed by the following scribes: Llywus ap Alan, Elanor Dreamweaver, Michael McQuillan, Danica Nemanjaviaea, Marguerita, Amanda Murray, Caelte Caitchairn, Gwendolyn MacIver, and Monika von Zell. Many of these scribes completed scrolls for kingdom awards as well.

I am in the process of compiling and revising a baronial scribes' list. If you are active in the scribal arts and wish to be included, please contact me in the next few weeks, if you have not already done so. Future scribal activities include: Stags Con--Calligraphy & Illumination classes will be held from 2-4 pm. I will be teaching a Beginners' class at this event (Please bring a calligraphy pen--though a few loaners should be available). On Sunday, Aug. 8 there will be a Celtic Knotwork class in the park at Fighter Practice--materials will be provided (This will be part of THL Aisha's Arts in the Park program). And we are also making arrangements for monthly scribal classes to be held on Saturdays on the UNM campus. Classes will probably start in August--watch for announcements on the baronial list.

Yours in service,
Monika von Zell

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

I hope that everyone is having a great camping season. Please help me in supporting Duchess Elisheva's newcomers classes that she will be holding every month. She will be helping newcomers get into the flow of things in the SCA.

We have had a lot of different demos that have happened in the last several months. Thank you to all that have participated in the Highlands Games, Celtic Festival, and the Special Olympics. I also would like to thank all the good gentles that helped Lady Diana with the scorpions that were put on the loaner garb and helped with putting the loaner garb together.

Yours in Service,
Lady Isabella

Newcomers Household

Meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

The Barony of Al-Barran is beginning a series of regular ongoing, informational gatherings for those new to the SCA (New being defined as being a member for less than 2 years). These will be informal -garb is not required- meetings at which some aspect of the Society will be discussed. We may talk about preparing for a camping event, or have a dialogue on the meaning of honor, or make T tunics, or discuss protocol, or watch a period movie. All are welcome.

Old-timers—what do you wish someone had clued you in on when you first started to play? What do you think it is important for new players to know? I need your input.

If you are interested in mentoring newcomers, If you would like to be involved as a presenter or facilitator, or would like to attend, or have something to say on the subject, contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com, or show up at 2823 Bel Air Drive, NE, Albuquerque, NM (James David's house) at 6:30 pm, Tuesday August 9th.

An Outlandish Thank You from the Children & Youth

On behalf of the children, youth and teens who attended Grand Outlandish and had a great time in the 34 classes and activities we had for them, a very warm and very special thank you to all who taught classes, did the Stag's Blood boffer melee on Sunday, donated supplies, gifts and prizes, and who ran the various activities. Thanks first to all our class instructors and activities leaders: Lady Constance (England); Lady Gabrielle, Uasal OEngus of Greymist, Lord Rognvaldr, Lord Christopher Blackwood, Lord Canus Dragonsblood, Lord Shobin, Lady Safya bint Ziyad, Don Otteaux the Blackhearted, Dona Elisabeau the Lighthearted, Lord Gilbert the Drakehearted, THL Skia, Geoffrey, Solveig Thomsdatter, Lady Barbara, Haniya bat Baruch, Lady Melody Shaw, Terrin--age 15, Lord Badai, Mistress Monika von Zell, Mistress Leah, Mistress Joella and Lady Danica. Thanks also to Crimson Company who held a chess tournament that the youth could participate in, to THL Sabia and Cerelle and all their waterbearers who kept the youth supplied with drinks, and to Lady Roma, Lady Gabrielle, and Lady Meghan who created and ran the new Courier League, providing opportunities for the youth to be messengers and to be in service.

A very, very special thank you to Lady Ahzlinn who procured all of the donated boffer making supplies for over 50 new boffers and brought them to Outlandish and to Mariah of Fontaine for boffer supplies. A very, very spe-

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cial thank you also to Geoffrey who took the donated lumber from Lord Teuton and the donated paints from Thalauriana du Collier, Adelina, and Lady Danica and created 25 painted shield for the youth to have and to decorate and then donated the materials for and riveted handles to about 50 shields. A very special thank you also to Liedtke Goetz and his wife, who donated 15 round, painted and decorated shields and to Mordrake of Caerthe for the 15 painted shields that he donated. Thanks also to the youth--Elizabeth the Waterbearer (15), Mariah Greyhawk, Kenton, Stephan, and Aleighah--who helped Geoffrey put handles on shields one evening. A special thank you to the donor of a bag of beads, Lady Constance of England for all the beads she donated, Baron Sabastian for the fabric for game boards, and to Victoria Josefsdostter of Smith's and to Broomfield Company for their donations.

Thanks also to all who helped the youth train for several hours for the Stag's Blood melee and who fought against the youth in this melee, and those who helped with the boffer tournament--Master Balthazar who heralded, our Marshals--Lord Shobin, Elizabeth the Waterbearer, Mike of the Citadel, Glenn O'Dell of the Citadel, our waterbearers for the boffer tournament, and the coordinator, sponsor, and list mistress for the boffer tournament, Lady Danica. A very, very special thanks to Lady Danica who donated many prizes and gifts and also to Sir Seth for donation of prizes. Special thanks also to Bruce for drumming for the melee and to Mama Gypsy, who generously gave to the children throughout the weekend.

Finally a very, very special thank you to the following youth who helped with waterbearing throughout the event--Ashley, Mouse, Willow, Raven, Rachel, Rainelle, Ivanna Shaw, Jessica Noel, Taylor Merithew, Mindah (Celeste), Zoe Ckyran, Jennyfer, Bruyere, Hannah, Eve, Skye, Amanda, Hailye, Alta, Rowen, Hannah, Raven Dianthal, and Skyleigha. I have gifts for every child who helped with waterbearing at Outlandish or at the al-Barran May Day Celebration, or who helped Geoffrey put handles on the shields at Outlandish, so please contact me, Lady Barbara, at krege@aps.edu and I will get these gifts to you.

Each of you and many others made this a wonderful time for all the children, youth, and teens, and we thank you all so very, very much.

Attention! al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Interested Adults

A new discussion list has been created for the exchange of information and ideas at yahoogroups.com for the children, youth, teens, and parents in al-Barran and for the adults who have been helping with children, youth and teen activities in al-Barran. To join this group, just go to www.yahoogroups.com, search for **al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents** and then click on "join."

Regular Activities

CITIZENS MEETING
Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at our NEW LOCATION: The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. Map and driving directions are on page 23. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice
Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice
Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice
Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice
Practices are held starting at 11:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email equestrian@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice
Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household
Ongoing, informational, informal gatherings for new members of the SCA. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, starting in August. Meetings to be held at 2823 Bel Air Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM. Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com

An Irish Riddle
'Where is the center of the World?'

Baronial Populace Meeting

Sunday August 1, 2004
From noon to 2 pm
At Fighter Practice
Bataan Park

Populace, bring your ideas, concerns, and issues to a conversation with the Baron and Baroness at the park. Youth activities, new Baronial Activities, Estrella, and any other concerns you have will be on the agenda. Let Us know if there is something specific you want to discuss.

A blessing for good Health

I wish healing upon you,
The healing of Mary with me,
Mary, Michael and Brighid
Be with me all three.

Your pain and sickness
Be in the earth's depths,
Be upon the grey stones,
For they are enduring.

Fly with the birds of the air,
Fly with the wasps of the hill,
Swim with the sea-going whale,
For they are swiftest.

Be upon the clouds of the sky
For they are the rainiest,
Be upon the river's current
Cascading to the sea.

The blessing for good health comes from the Scots Gaelic tradition; it calls upon the three chief elements of Celtic cosmology— the air, the sea and the land— and their associated animals to disperse the sickness.

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Sunday	Monday	Tu
Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 22 & 23. Also check the A&S letter on page 6 for the others.		
4 -Fighter & Rapier Practice *Glory VIII* *Unser Hafen*	5 Gammer Gurton's Needle *Glory VIII* *Unser Hafen*	
11 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing (CD is not at Bataan)	12 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
18 -Fighter & Rapier Practice *Lonely Mountain* *Drygestan*	19 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
25 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing *Clann Wars* *Nahrun Kabirun*	26 Gammer Gurton's Needle	

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esday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *Glory VIII* *Unser Hafen*	2 *Glory VIII* *Unser Hafen*	3 Archery & Equestrian Practices *Glory VIII* *Unser Hafen*
6	7	8	9	10 *Stags Con* *St Golias*
13	14 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	15 *Lonely Mountain* *Drygestan*	16 *Lonely Mountain* *Drygestan*	17 Archery & Equestrian Practices *Lonely Mountain* *Drygestan*
20 CITIZEN'S MEETING	21	22	23 *Clann Wars* *Nahrun Kabirun*	24 *Clann Wars* *Nahrun Kabirun*
27	28 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	29	30	31

the Gaulish Calendrical Tablet, the Coligny Calendar, the month of July-August was called Elembiuos, or 'Claim-time', during the period leading up to Lughnasadh, any unfulfilled obligations were claimed or concluded among neighbors, with legal recouse to the brehon or judge if friendly requital were not forthcoming.

July Dates

2nd Full Moon
4th Independence Day
14th Bastille Day
17th New Moon
27th Fast of Av
31st Full Moon

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice

There will be an intensive Court Dance Workshop on Sunday, July 11 (probably 9am to 3pm, with location to be announced) and also regular court dance practice, Sunday, July 25 at fighter practice park, 12:30 to 2:30pm. Everyone age 7 and up is welcome at these free court dance practices and this workshop. *For more information, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran musicians and court dance discussion list by going to www.yahoogroups.com and joining the discussion group titled alBarranMusic_Dance .*

"Scorpion Scales"

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Bianca's house, and some Sundays at fighter practice. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Interested Adults Discussion List—NEW!

A new discussion list has been created for the exchange of information and ideas at yahoogroups.com for the children, youth, teens, and parents in al-Barran and for the adults who have been helping with children, youth and teen activities in al-Barran. To join this group, just go to www.yahoogroups.com, search for **al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents** and then click on "join."

Answer

'Between your own two feet.'

Grand Outlandish Tournaments Results

The Citadel Speed Tourney had 27 heavy fighters compete, the marshal in charge was Baron Conrade du Montgomerie; and the ministers of the lists were Lady Emery de Fittun, Lady Danica and Tyron Greystar.

1st Place	Lord Elijah Ravenson of Clan Tynker
2nd Place	Lord Dreyfuss Kravyn McKillin
3rd Place	Lord Arikham

The Citadel Rapier Speed Tourney, was run by Baron Conrad, and the winner is Don Tristan.

The Minotaur Maze Battle had 25 heavy fighters compete in 5 men team in a quest with points for finding treasure, the marshal in charge was Lord Badai Altai; and the ministers of the lists were Lady Emery de Fittun, and Tyron Greystar.

1st Place	Team Drygestan
2nd Place	Team Apathy
3rd Place	Team Wego's Heroes

The Outlandish Blade Tourney, was run by Don Tristan, and the winner is Lord Sam Tynker with the Most Chivalrous fighter being Justin.

The Roving Bottle Tourney had 12 Rapier fighters compete from May 27th to May 30th; the tourney style was a roving challenge with 3 starting lives for each fighter. The marshal in charge was Don Rudger; and the minister of the lists was Lady Emery de Fittun.

1st Place	Lady Bronwen Blackwell

The Sunday Melees and Pony Roundup was run by Lord Michael, and the winner is Lady Jazell.

The First Chess Tourney had 4 Rapier fighters compete; the tourney style was round robin. The marshal in charge was Don Otteaux; and the minister of the lists was Lady Emery de Fittun.

1st Place	Lord Thomas Dudley
2nd Place	Gustaff von Grafenberg
3rd Place	Lord Alexander Van Ness

The Second Rapier Chess Tourney was run by Don Otteaux, and the winners is the Black Team.

The Torchlit Laundry List Tourney had 10 Rapier fighters compete from May 27th to May 30th; the tourney style was a round robin with teams of 2. The marshal in charge was Lady Bronwen Blackwell; and the minister of the lists was Lady Emery de Fittun and Tyron Greystar

1st Place	THL Talen and Lord Giovanni Di Lucca
2nd Place	Steen of the fiendish thingy and Fox
3rd Place	Ildaria Tegrida Hamlet and Lord Thomas Dudley

The Old vs. New Tourney was run by Don Tristian, and the winner is Lord Gilbert, and the most Chivalrous fighter was Mateo.

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The Lord of Outlandish Tourney had 34 heavy fighters compete, the tourney style was single fight, double elimination. The marshal in charge was Duke Hrothgar Monomakh; and the ministers of the lists were Lady Emery de Fittun, Lady Danica and Nakajima.

1st Place	HG Sir Tomuki
2nd Place	Sir Hrorek Wolfson
3rd Place	Lord Sam Tynker

The German Dagger Tourney had 10 heavy fighters compete, the tourney style was best two out of three, double elimination. The marshal in charge was HE Sir Arlan the Bastard; and the ministers of the lists were Lady Emery de Fittun and Tyron Greystar.

1st Place	THL Connor Graham
2nd Place	Lord Niall Mac Taggart and Lord Mordygen Mac Gregor

Many thanks to Don Tristan, Don Otteaux, Lord Thomas Dudley, and Lady Bronwen for the many Prizes Donated, and My thanks to all Marshals, Listmistress', Waterbearers, Runners, and Players of all the Rapier Events. *from Don Rudger*

These tourney results were compiled from MOL Lady Emery de Fittun's and Don Rudger's reports, any mistakes and errors are from the compiling by the chronicler, Kathws Rusa.

Stags Con VIII

"The Premier Service Event of the Outlands"

College of St Golias
July 10, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
The Mineral Science and Engineering Complex (MSEC) and
Jones Annex buildings on the New Mexico Tech campus,
801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801
Site is open from 8am to 8pm
Event site fee: FREE
Site is dry

We of the College of St. Golias welcome one and all to StagsCon VIII, the Premier Service Event of the Outlands. We invite you to attend this event, where learning about service is the name of the game.

As you arrive breakfast will be waiting. Lunch and a dinner barbecue will also be provided to all attendees, free of charge. After court, at the pleasure of Their Royal Majesties, the day's activities will begin.

Games will be available for adults throughout the day and activities will be provided for the children. During the evening feast, a rousing game of Outlands Jeopardy will be held with prizes for the winners. Come and test your knowledge of the SCA, kingdom law, and history.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

8:00 am	Site Opens
8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00-9:30 am	Opening Court and Welcoming Comments (in MSEC 101)
9:30 AM-12:00 pm	Meeting and Classes
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Meeting and Classes
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Closing Court (in MSEC 101)
5:30 - 7:45 pm	Dinner
7:45 - 8:00 pm	Cleanup
8:00 pm	Site closes

Breakfast Menu

Breakfast burrito bar, fresh fruit, assorted fresh pastries and muffins, coffee, tea, juice.

Lunch Menu

Grilled Polish sausages and bratwurst with fixings, various salads, fresh fruit, cookies and cake, tea, Persian mint drink, lemonade.

For more information pertaining to classes and when meetings are planned to be held, please view the web site: **http://www.nmt.edu/~golias/stagscon/**

Directions: From North or South Take I-25 to Socorro, New Mexico, and take exit 150. You will then be on north California street. Proceed south on California to Bullock (the second traffic light on California). Turn right on Bullock. Proceed west on Bullock to the second stop sign (intersection of Bullock and Leroy). Continue west approximately 300 feet; on your left you will see a three story building labeled "Mineral Science and Engineering Complex." This is the MSEC building (shown on the Socorro, NM map as a star) where some of the classes will be held.

Other classes will be held in the Jones Annex building. To get to Jones Annex, walk west (that is, towards the mountain with the "M" on it) approximately 200 feet to the next three-story building you see. That is Jones Annex.

Autocrat; THLord Torcail Gilleghaolain (Tony Perreault) 1003 Monte Vista, Socorro, NM, 87801 Phone: 505-835-1632; Please leave a message. <tperreau (at) nrao (dot) edu>
Feast Coordinators: Mistress Monika von Zell (Pat Knapp),
Mistress Richenza le Wydu (Caroline Kearns): <richenzalewydu (at) hotmail (dot) com>,
THLady Sabia
Class Coordinator: THLord Roland O'Rourke (Rob Hatcher) 11563 E. Cedar Ave., Aurora, CO 80012 Phone: (303) 341-5765; no calls after 9 p.m., please. <seneschal (at) outlands (dot) org>

Lonely Mountain Defender

Shire of Drygestan
July 15-18, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
Site opens Thursday, July 15th at noon.
Closes at 5 pm Sunday, July 18th.
Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289, Los Alamos, 87544
Site Fee is $10 for adult members
($ 3 non-member surcharge additional)
$5 for children ages 6 to 16. Kids 5 and under are free.
The site is wet.

Greetings all good Gentles and be of fine cheer for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow and days of frivolity, *fighting and fun.*

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at dusk so come early for the best access to campsites. Drygestan will host a fund raiser for the OH – on Sunday Morning "Poor Knight breakfast" "french toast". The poor knights breakfast (french toast, sausage, ham, coffee & juice) is a fundraiser with proceeds benefiting the Outlandish Herald. Your $5 donation is much needed and appreciated.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year, please stay updated on Forest Service closures and event news on our web site **www.drygestan.org**. At this time please prepare to use propane lanterns and stoves. The Forest Service has set Camping Restrictions to the meadow side of the road only. See the Troll Gate for details. No Driving on to the Meadow.

As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

Due to current Forest Service restrictions, Lonely Mountain Defender will be unable to host merchants this year.

Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit - turn right at first stoplight. Stay straight for many miles through several stoplights on NM4 where the road "T's". Turn right and follow NM4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right around 4 miles further.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take Route 4 north through Jemez Springs, pass the Caldara (Baca Ranch National Park) and turn right on Forest Road 289. The site is on the right around 4 miles further.

Any questions regarding volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lord Colin McKenna (Tim Grant) at lordcolinmckenna2003@yahoo.com or (505) 204-1780 or Deputy Autocrat Lady Renee Nix of Livingstone (Renee Nix) at rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084, 690-0913

NOTE:
As of this writing, the Lonely Mountain forest site is closed at this time so everyone needs to keep watch on the Drygestan web site and yahoo lists for more information on this. We will keep it updated as we go. If the forest site opens, we can be assured that no open flames of any type will be allowed. Propane/white gas lights and stoves and smoking will be in tents and car's only - No one should be walking around the site smoking. If the forest sites stays closed the event will be canceled.

Clann Wars X

Shire of Nahrun Kabirun
July 23-25, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
Sam Tobias Campground, Campgrounds A and C
Smokey Bear Ranger District
901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345
Site opens: noon, July 23; closes: 2pm July 25
Site Fee: $12 (members), $15 (nonmembers), $5 (child age 6-12).
There is a family cap of $40.
The site is wet

Clann Wars X will be sponsored by the Shire of Nahrun Kabirun, autocrated by Lady Siobhannah Mac AnBhaird and co-autocrated by Lady Peryn Wolfe. The Clann Wars site opens at noon on Friday, July 23, and closes at 2 pm on Sunday, July 25.

The event will feature activities such as light and heavy tournaments, The Captain of the Guarde Azure Tourney, silly games for grownups, a bardic and performances by the Outlands Magisters Guild, a professional menhdi henna artist on-site, Highland games, and an Iron Chef siege cooking feast.

In addition to the many wonderful activities, Mistress Leah invites all to test their skill and creativity in the culinary arts with Siege Cooking. Each entrant will be provided with a box of mystery ingredients. To the contents you may add five items of your own, these may be spices, foods, liqueurs, etc. The challenge is to create as many dishes of quality as your skills allow. This contest will serve as the feast on Saturday night. More details on site. If you plan to participate, be sure to bring your five items!

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Site Location: It will be held at the Sam Tobias Campground, Campgrounds A and C. Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, phone: 505-257-4095
Other Site Details: There are permanent concrete outhouses, water pumps, and pavilions with electricity.
Other pertinent information: Nearest Hospital: 5.7 miles <---Distance from Site; Lincoln County Medical Center, 211 Sudderth Dr, RUIDOSO, NM, phone (505) 257-7381

Directions:
From Albuquerque: Take I-25 south to exit 139 (San Antonio), Head east on highway 380 to highway 37, head south on 37. Follow 37 until it merges with Highway 48. Highway 48 becomes Mechem Drive. Turn Right at Cedar Creek Rd. Follow the signs into the site from there.

From Las Cruces: Take Highway 70 to Ruidoso. Make a left at Sudderth RD (Highway 37), Drive through town until you get to Mechem Dr. and Make a right. Follow the road up to Cedar Creek Rd. and make a left.

Please Contact the autocrat, Lady Siobhannah for more information by email harpchickie@yahoo.com, or phone 505-541-8217

Baron's War

Barony of Dragonsspine
August 6-8, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
Lost Burro Campground:
4023 Teller Rd #1 Cripple Creek, CO 80813
www.lostburro.com 719-689-2345
Site Opens: August 6th Noon; closes: August 8th 5pm
Site Fee: Individuals Day $10, Weekend $18; Family Cap is $65
Children 5-12 half price, Children under 5 free
Site is discreetly wet.

Prepare ye all, for the challenges of this years Baron's War.

The winds of war beckon unto all warriors like a rumbling voice from within. Baron's War doth soon approach. Prepare the Harness! Sharpen the Blade! Prepare to gauge the Strength of wood and stone! With the dread approach of siege equipment, the whistle of Arrows and the clamor of blade upon shield, high in their mountain fortress the warriors and Barons of our land shall cast down the gauntlet unto one and all of the known world.

All Warriors and artisans of the blade and bow, spear and siege engine, come ye all prepared, for there shall be tournaments, grand melees, and competitions galore. The theme of this year's Baron's War "Heraldic Display". But... not necessarily that old crusty style of the stone rampart lion, unless of course that does suit your fancy. For those more imaginative types perhaps something along the lines of an ermine Elizabethan Tutu, well... perhaps that is too much but you get the idea! Come prepared to display proudly and uniquely your arms and colors on and off the field.

Unto all Noble Landed and Court Barons and Baronesses of the known land.

Be it known that the theme of war this year shall be based upon a seven-man lance, which must be sponsored on or off the field by a Baron or Baroness. Throughout the day upon Saturday, there shall be a series of Grand Melees comprised of multiple seven-man lances. Each lance must be sponsored by a Baron or Baroness. The Baron or Baroness need not be part of the lance, just sponsor there of. Furthermore upon Sunday there shall be a Seven-Man Lance Prize Tournament. Is your seven-man team up to this Challenge? To enter this tournament you must be sponsored by a Baron or Baroness, and provide an entry fee. Fear not, there need not be a huge expense, but keep in mind all entry fees shall be part of the prize that goes to the victorious Seven-Man Lance. Examples of entrance fees: pennant for a lance, a blade, feast ware, a tunic for those fighter types, or any goods from that last raid that your party went upon! Spoils of War! You get the idea! Also a perfect time for the artisans of the Outlands to share examples of their crafts, as an example Master Maelmardane the sponsor of this Grand Tournament is supplying the Grand Prize.
As is tradition there will be a Tournament for the Baron or Baroness of Terra Insubstantia Tourney. Each Baron or Baroness may sponsor one or more champions for this tournament. The prize of this tournament... HUGE TRACTS OF LAND!!!! As well as the admiration of your peers near and far as you proudly display the Glorious Banner of your esteemed position.

The categories for the Heraldic Display Competition includes:
Clothing – a walking banner
Fighting Units on or off the field – Tabards, Shield Display, Pennants, Unit Herald
Camp Displays – Period Encampment, banners

There will also be a unique challenge to all our artisans in the known world. Saturday there will be a competition "Dress your Barbie as a person of History (Mundane or SCA)." Yes this is your opportunity to dress Ken as Count Hoegaarden or Barbie as Her Majesty Cainnleach. Unfortunately, the Joan of Arc idea is already taken (yep Thyra is going tie her Barbie to a stake and light her on fire!) Points will be given for being able to recognize the person, as well as the overall presentation.

The glorious victors of these competitions will be recognized and presented their winnings during Court. Watch the Outlands List, or speak to your nearest Baron or Baroness (remember you need to have a sponsor) for more details on fighting (the torchlight axe tourney, fencing, and archery activities), competitions and other activities planned. There are showers available, and a small general store on site (firewood, ice, meals).

Autocrat: Dane 3158 Oak Creek Dr E, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, 719-385-0812, ravenskeep@pcisys.net

Silver Pass IX

Shire of Rio De las Animas
September 3– 6, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
San Juan Basin Research Center,
18500 Hwy 140, Hesperus, CO 81326
Site Opens: Sept. 3rd at Noon; closes: Sept. 6th at noon
Site Fee: Adults $15; Youth 5-12 $10,
Children under 5 free. Family Cap is $45
Site is wet.

Do you all remember last year at Silver Pass VIII? No S***, there we were and it...
We are not going to expect the same Thunderous happenings this year. You do not need to make a Spectacular Entrance: We just want you to come and see what happens this year! Our little shire always puts on a great event and this year will not be the exception. We will have the Defender of the Silver Pass Tourney for the armored combatants, the Shire Defender tourney for the rapier community, a grand time for all the archers, and all the other contests of skill and craft that you commonly find at Silver Pass. We have the same site as last year with the trees and grass, lots of room for camping, merchanting, reveling and relaxing at the end of summer.

We are also hosting the Southern Semi-Finals for the Windhover Bard. We anticipate a wonderful show of the talent the Kingdom bards have to offer. The semi-finals will be on Saturday and the shire will host our own bardic competition on Sunday. New to our activity list is a children's bardic held during the daytime hours.

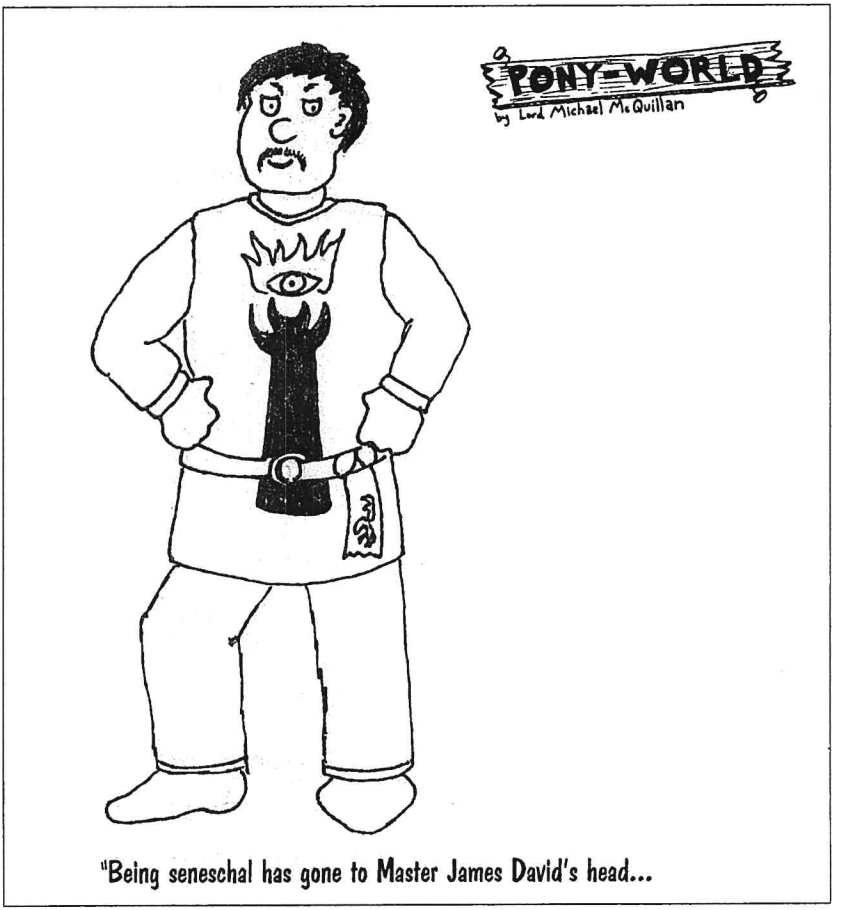
The site is wet, enjoy it responsibly. Your pets must be on a leash at all times. We have so much fun at Silver Pass. Come join us. Maybe you too can have a no S*** story of your very own.

Autocrats: THL Leona Coiquehoun, (debbie Relaford) deb_Leona@yahoo.com, 970-259-1825 & Lord Sean McLeod of Skye (Morris Schaefer) mtnsounds@hotmail.com 970-259-3319.
Contact Leona to merchant

Al-Barran Champions

Barony of al-Barran
September 17-19, A.S. XXXIX (2004)
Site opens Friday, September 17th at noon.
Closes at 4 pm Sunday, September 19th.
Land's End, Sir Kragon's Land site, Stanley, NM 87035
No Site Fee!
The site is WET and the feast is potluck!

The time is fast approaching to celebrate the glory that is al-Barran! Come join us for the festivities and competitions September 17-19 at Land's End. In order to enter any of the titled tournaments or compete for the position of Bard of al-Barran, the entrant must have a current subscription to the Baro-



nial Shaft, which will be sold on site. The Baronial Flower of Chivalry and the Rapier Flower of Chivalry will also be chosen at the event. Got melees? Of course watch this space for more information.

Join us for a drum and dance party of Friday night and a potluck feast and Bardic on Saturday night. Bring your gear for the Heavy, Rapier and Archery tournaments.

There is no water on site, so be sure to bring plenty. Pets are allowed but must be leashed.

Autocrat: THL Ryan Brunloc (Alec Reber), 4003 Aspen Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, 505-265-3142, rtalbarran@aol.com

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The July meetings are being held at Lady Margaret's home. Due to the holiday, there will be no meeting July 5. Contact Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqsales.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 HLDelia@aol.com for directions.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom weaving, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project.

Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqsales.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 HLDelia@aol.com. **Website:** http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Court Dancing Article

There will be an intensive Court Dance Workshop on Sunday, July 11 (probably 9 am to 3 pm, with location to be announced) and also regular court dance practice, Sunday, July 25 at fighter practice park (Bataan Park, on Lomas NW corner of Carlisle & Lomas), 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Everyone age 7 and up is welcome at these free court dance practices and this workshop. For more information, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran musicians and court dance discussion list by going to www.yahoogroups.com and joining the discussion group titled **alBarranMusic_Dance.**

European Dancing

A private discussion list has been created for those who are interested in court dancing at Estrella War next year in the European Dance Competition, which is one of the 3 A&S war point categories. We will also be holding a free intensive Court Dance Workshop in Albuquerque on Sunday, July 11, 2004. The details of the workshop are not yet finalized, but it will probably be from 9am to 3pm and the main Court Dance Instructors will be Mistress Arden and THL Guillaume from Caerthe. If you need crash space for either Friday or Saturday evening (7/10 or 7/11), please contact me. Please also contact me at krege@aps.edu, 505-293-7453, if you want further information about the workshop or how to join the private dance discussion list.

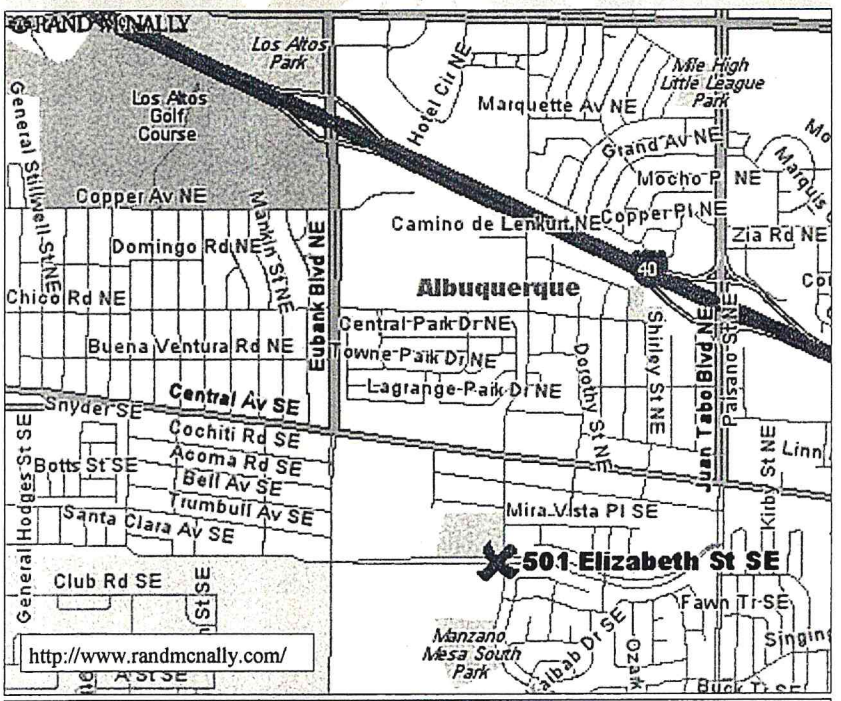
Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting has moved! The NEW LOCATION is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. There will be a Citizen's meeting on May 18th, mostly to discuss Outlandish biz. The citizen's meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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Blaiddwyn's website: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

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The Old Mothering
'How could one better be blessed, on coming into life,
than to have the kiss of that ancient Mother of whom we are all children?'

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